



# News Advisory

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### **CHARLESTON AFB OPENS NEW ENVIRONMENTALLY-SAFE FACILITY**

**What:** Charleston AFB will kick off the opening of their latest hangar with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 19. This occasion commemorates the completion of an \$18 million Corrosion Control Facility. This 55,000 square foot hangar will be used to perform painting operations on the C-17.

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 8:45 a.m.

**Location:** Corrosion Control Facility. (News media are asked to be at the Dorchester Gate no later than 8:20 a.m.)

**Why:** This new Corrosion Control Facility will allow CAFB maintenance personnel to wash the aircraft, do surface preparation and paint it in a totally enclosed environment that meets all OSHA and EPA requirements. Some of the special features are the two telescoping man-lifts that allow maintainers to travel the entire height and length of the aircraft. They are equipped with all the utilities needed to paint an aircraft: compressed air for the sprayers, breathing air for the personnel and electrical power. The facility also has an impressive environmental system that pulls 500,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the building to ensure paint vapors do not accumulate and then filters it before it is exhausted through vents at the front of the hangar. This is the largest and most mechanically advanced facility on Charleston AFB.

**Visuals:** The new facility, ribbon-cutting ceremony, C-17 and demo of lifting equipment.

**Contact:** For more information, or to indicate intent to attend, please contact Capt. Krista Carlos at 963-5589 or Staff Sgt. Jason Smith at 963-5537